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1. The following number of Soviet troop trains passed through Brandenburg between 14 and 17 April: seven trains enroute to Altengrabow on 14 and 15 April; six trains to Hillersleben and Wolmirstedt on 15 to 17 April; and eight trains, dispatched to Altengrabow from the Potsdam and Wildpark railroad stations, on 16 and 17 April.¹
2. Only troop trains were allowed to operate on the Frankfurt-Cottbus railroad line between 1230 and 2030 hours on 16 April. Civilian traffic was directed via Guben. The military shipments went to the Beeskow-Cottbus area. On 17 April, additional troop trains were dispatched to Beeskow-Cottbus as well as Jueterbog. Military trains were also seen proceeding from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder.²
3. Two westbound shipments with 25 and 30 flatcars arrived at Frankfurt/Oder on 11 and 13 April respectively. Each flatcar was loaded with one aircraft crate. The destination of the shipments was not determined.³

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1. It is believed that the following transfers were effected: 20th AT Artillery Brigade from Brandenburg to Altengrabow; elements of the 10th Guards

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Tank Division from Brandenburg to Hillersleben and Wolmirstedt; and units of the 34th Artillery Division from Potsdam/Wildpark to Altengrabow.

2. It is believed that the blocking of the railroad line for non-military traffic was connected with the movement of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde to the Lieberose training grounds.

It is not yet clear whether Soviet units also moved to Jueterbog. The arrival of new Soviet troops from the USSR is doubted.

3. Yak-11's, consigned to the VPL, were shipped to East Germany in recent weeks. It is believed, however, that the crates observed on 11 and 13 April contained MIG-15's earmarked for the fighter regiments of the 24th Air Army.

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